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 ESPECIALLY CEREAL AND MILK

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed November 6, 2002.  
Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

✓ Please cancel claim 30. Please amend claims 1, 15, 20, 22, 24, 25, and 31 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A portable, single-use container for separately containing two consumable products, the container comprising:
- a first, outer compartment including:
    - a bottom,
    - a first compartment side wall extending from the bottom and defining a first compartment internal storage region,
    - an annular rim extending radially outwardly from a top of the first compartment side wall;
  - a second, inner compartment including:
    - a base,
    - a second compartment side wall extending from the base and defining a second compartment internal storage region,